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SUBJECT: P.L. 480 TITLE II CONFLICTING OUTTURN REPORTS FOR TA  
5605 MAURITIUS FOR FLOUR AND VEGETABLE OIL

REF: STATE 029052

1. POST BELIEVES THAT CLOSE READING OF PAGE 2 OF IRELAND  
FRAZER REPORT SHOWS THAT IN FINAL SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN  
JULY/AUGUST 1974, FIRM FOUND THAT ONLY 33 CARTONS WERE  
DAMAGED TO THE EXTENT OF HAVING LOST ALL THEIR OIL THROUGH  
LEAKAGE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DISCREPANCY MAY HAVE DEVELOPED  
DUE TO AMBIGUOUS MEANING OF TERMS "DAMAGED" AND "BAD CONDITION".  
IN FIRST SURVEY IRELAND FRASER FOUND 477 CARTONS IN "BAD CONDITION"  
THAT IS, THEY WERE STAINED INDICATING INTERNAL LEAKAGE. FOLLOWING  
SECOND, MORE THOROUGH SURVEY, APPARENTLY AFTER "BAD CONDITION"  
(STAINED) CARTONS WERE OPENED, THE COMPANY DISCOVERED THAT ONLY  
33 CARTONS HAD BEEN LOST THROUGH LEAKAGE AND 710 CARTONS, THOUGH  
STAINED AND APPEARING TO BE DAMAGED, WERE ACTUALLY IN GOOD  
CONDITION.

2. CARRIER'S REPORT MENTIONED REFTTEL, WHICH POST DOES NOT  
HAVE, INDICATED 149 CARTONS "DAMAGED". THIS ASSESSMENT  
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OBVIOUSLY MADE BY CARRIER BY LOOKING AT EXTERIOR OF CARTONS AS  
THEY WERE BEING OFF-LOADED ONTO LIGHTERS. DOCUMENTS INDICATE  
THAT IRELAND FRASER CONDUCTED ITS TWO SURVEYS: (1) AFTER OIL WAS  
OFF-LOADED FROM LIGHTERS AND PLACED IN TRANSIT SHED ON JUNE 13-15,  
1974 (2) AFTER OIL WAS TRANSFERRED FROM TRANSIT SHED AND PLACED IN  
THE RUM WAREHOUSE, JULY 19-24 AND AUGUST 5-22, 1974.

3. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, AFTER CLOSE EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OR CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED. EMBASSY WILL, HOWEVER, ADVISE GOM'S MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO REQUEST FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM IRELAND FRASER IF USDA INSISTS. PLEASE ADVISE.  
KEELEY

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